

Save Our Sperrins

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108907

Details

Known as	SOS
Status	Received
Registered	2022-09-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To protect the environment within the Sperrins, Northern Ireland

What the charity does: The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-01	£71,194	£1,536	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cormac Mcaleer		
Dr Louise Taylor		
Fidelma O'kane		
Mr Anton Mccabe		
Mr Niall Francis Mcaleer		
Mr Paul Morrison		
Mrs Jacqueline Patricia Keenan		
Mrs Martina Bridget Hollywood		
Ms Marella Fyffe		

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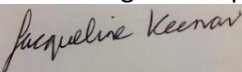
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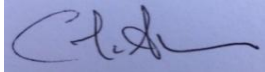
Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts				
Fundraising Income	18,828.84		18,829	11,301
Donations	15,480.29		15,480	2,040
Crowd Funding		30,586.41	30,586	18,721
Gift Aid	6,298.79		6,299	0
Total receipts	40,607.92	30,586.41	71,194	32,062
Payments				
Fundraising Expenditure	1,485.00		1,485	3,000
Bank Charges	50.50		51	125
General Expenses			0	2,600
Total Payments	1,535.50	-	1,536	5,725
Net movement on Funds	39,072.42	30,586.41	69,659	26,337
Total funds brought forward	34,844.00	-	34,844	8,507
Total funds carried forward	73,916.42	30,586.41	104,503	34,844

Receipts & Payments Account and Balance Sheet for Save Our Sperrins
Financial Year ending 30 Sept 2025

We the below sign that this is a true and accurate account of the
Financial Year ending 30th September 2025:

Signed: 
Jacqueline Keenan, Treasurer

Signed: 

Cormac McAleer, Vice-chair.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank and in hand	<u>104,503</u>		<u>34,844</u>	
	104,503		34,844	
Creditors	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net Current Assets		104,503		34,844
Net Assets		104,503		34,844
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds		73,916		16,123
Restricted Funds		30,586		18,721
		104,503		34,844

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SAVE OUR SPERRINS
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCT 2022 – 2023
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GREEN ELVES PLAYGROUP

SAVE OUR SPERRINS BREAKDOWN OF ACCOUNTS FROM 1ST OCT 22 TO 1ST OCT 23

OPENING BALANCE 1ST OCT 2023 £8507.07 (£4500.00 EARMARKED FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY)

DATE	BANK CHARGES	OUTGOING	INCOMING	NATIVE AMERICAN FUND	SOURCE OF MONEY	MONEY IN BANK	PUBLIC INQUIRY SAVING
9 th Dec 22	£8.00	£1850		£3020.03	Bank charges Calendar printing cost	£6649.07	£4500.00
20 th Jan 23			£340.00		Love Screen	£6989.07	£4,840
20 th Jan 23			£1000		Anonymous donation calendars	£7989.07	£5840.00
31 st Jan 23		£400			Printing calendar	£7589.07	£5840
10 th Mar 23	£12.55				Bank charges	£7576.52	£5840
20 th Mar 23			£120		Louise Omagh conference	£7696.52	£5960
22 mar 23			£230		Gordon Omagh conference	£7926.52	£6190
23 rd Mar 23			£4455		Sale of calendars	£12381.52	£8395 b
27 th Mar 23			£1350		Dungiven concert	£13731.52	£9745
4 th April 23			£340		Love screen (Camio)	£14071.52	£10085
5 th April 23			£340		Dungiven concert	£14411.52	£10425
17 th April 23			£350.85		Camio closed account	£14762.37	£10778.85
27 th April 23			£1770.21		Learmount Art Exbi	£16532.58	£12549.06
27 th April 23			£90		PARC comber cards	£16622.58	£12639.06
27 th April 23			£410		PARC cards	£17032.58	£13049.06
2 nd June 23				£200 (£2820.03)	Big Anthony N Americans	£16832.58	£13049.06

9 th June 23					Bank charges	£16757.95	£13049.06
16 th June 23				£720 £2100.03	Cash N Americans Accom FCE	£16017.95	£13049.06
30 th June 23				£1680 £420.03	FCE N Americans accom	£14357.95	£13049.06
5 th July 23			£9136.70		Online crowdfunder	£24294.65	£27985.76
11 th July 23			£540		Cheques donated public inquiry	£24834.65	£23525.76
11 th July 23			£1504.61		Cash bottle connie okane	£26339.26	£25030.37
3 rd Aug 23			£5363.58		Online crowdfunder	£31702.84	£30393.95
5 th sept 23			£3420.56		Online crowdfunder	£35123.40	£33814.51
8 th Sept 23	£125.12				Bank charges	£35094.08	£33814.51
13 th Sept 23		£750			Deposit Millennium Forum	£34344.08	£33814.51
28 th Sept 23			£500		NIPSA donation	£34844.08	£34,314.51

Opening Balance 1 st October 2022	£8507.07
Add Donations	£32,061.51
Minus Outgoings	£3000.00
Minus Bank Charges	£124.50
Minus Native Americans fund	£2600.00
Closing Balance of Account 1 st October 2023	£34,844.08
Earmarked for Public Inquiry	£34,314.51
Remaining in Account	£529.57

REFLECTION ON 2022 – 2023

This year has been very busy and productive, it seen CAMIO join forces with Save Our Sperrins and become one group, other local groups throughout the Sperrins came on board to help support and host fundraising events. The success of everyone pulling together can be seen tonight as the money earmarked for the Public Inquiry has risen steeply from £4500 this time last year to £34,314.51 on the 1st Oct 2023. We as a group are grateful for all the fundraising, ideas and support other groups have given to us this past year.

Donations this year came to a total of £32,061.51, this figure was reached from calendars sales £5455 (cost to make £2250, profit of £3205) DAMN hosted a concert which raised £1690, Learmount Art Exhibition £1770.21, PARC cards £500, Connie O'kane family donated a bottle of coins totalling £1504.61. There was cheques and cash donated when we set up an online Crowdfunder which is proving very successful and continues to grow each day, so many people have donated we could not possibly name them all. A great day was hosted in Omagh with many of the speakers donating their fee towards the public inquiry cost. We close the year confident with more hard work by everyone that we can and will raise enough money to employ the experts needed to fight the Public Inquiry.

Friends Of Earth has kindly donated the remaining £420.03 from the Native Americans visit to us, so this now closes the Native American fund which was held in Save Our Sperrins Account. The visit and water walk proved a great success and enjoyed by all.

NIPSA Trade Union donated £500, and we hope other Unions will follow their example.

FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR YEAR 2023-2024

We hope to continue fundraising, with many events already in the pipeline, it is heartening to know that many anti mining groups and protectors throughout Ireland are busy planning events. A deposit has been paid to the millennium Forum in derry for a comedy/ musical night, starring Kevin McAleer which will be exciting. Co. Clare Keep Tulla untouched are planning a concert starring Damien Demsey and other artists. In Belfast a weeklong festival including an art exhibition with many artists donating their work to raise money for the Crowdfunder, others are organizing a night of music in Belfast.

There is a free Halloween event planned for An Creggan by SOS to thank those who have kindly donated to our campaign. December is not looking quiet with a comedy night planned for Maghera.

It will be a very busy year which hopefully with hard work will see us reach our target of £100,000 we need to pay the experts needed for the Public Inquiry.

SAVE OUR SPERRINS ACCOUNTS 1ST OCTOBER 2022 TO 1ST OCTOBER 2023

WE THE BELOW SIGN THAT THIS IS A TRUE ACCURATE ACOUNT OF THE
FINANCIAL YEAR STARTING 1ST October 2022 TO 1ST OCTOBER 2023.

TREASURER- JACQUELINE KEENAN



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SECRETARY- FIDELMA O'KANE



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CHAIRPERSON- MARELLA FYFFE



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DATED 30TH OCTOBER 2023

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Annual report

Secretary's Report – AGM 17 December 2023

Meetings: During the past financial year (ie. 1st October 2022- 30th September 2023, we had 11 meetings (with August being the only month missed).

the main events are outlined below:

OCTOBER 2022:

* Save Our Sperrins was invited to a roundtable conference in Dublin by Dunja Mijatovic, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights. Cormac attended and had a meeting with Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur for Environmental Protectors and a meeting with Mary Lawlor, United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders.

* Cormac met with CAJ & FoE solicitor in Derry.

* Malin Hemphill, a university student, produced a short film called “Monster” about the anti goldmining campaign.

NOVEMBER 2022:

* The UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders, Mary Lawlor, tweeted that she was concerned about the human rights for those involved in Save Our Sperrins campaign.

* Flintridge Galantas was fined £120,000 for breaches of Health & Safety at their mine at Cavanacaw.

* EJNI launched a film on the rights of Nature Ireland which included SOS.

DECEMBER 2022:

* SOS & CAMIO produced & sold 500+ calendars ‘Journey through the Sperrins’ as the launch of our fundraising campaign to raise money to employ experts to help us present our case at the forthcoming Public Inquiry into Dalradian’s planning application.

* V’cenza Cirefice, a PhD researcher, held a photovoice exhibition from 12-17th December in the Playhouse, Derry, called ‘Resistance to Extractivism in the Sperrins’.

* SOS & CAMIO held a 24 hour sit out at Omagh Courthouse to raise awareness about the campaign.

JANUARY 2023:

* Cormac & Fidelma met with Community Places, Belfast to ask for help for the Public Inquiry only to be told that another group supporting gold-mining had already been in touch with them and they had decided not to get involved with either side but would produce a simplified guide to the Public Inquiry Process.

* Anton, Fidelma & Cormac met with Gerry Murphy, Irish Congress of Trade Unions in Belfast to ask for assistance towards the Public Inquiry.

* Love Screen Stop Mining group in Draperstown folded up and gave Save Our Sperrins a share of their money - £340

FEBRUARY 2023:

* Fidelma participated in a Zoom meeting with people from Co Clare where Dalradian’s subsidiary company, MINCO, was granted a prospecting licence.

* SOS Participated in a Zoom meeting with staff of the office of UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders.

* Cormac attended a meeting at QUB about FoI hosted by Public Interest Litigation Services (PILS).

* SOS featured in an art exhibition in Pilot’s Row Community Centre. Lucy Young, an art student at NWIFHE, had interviewed us during the 24 hour sit-out & fast in December 2022 & had done 2 paintings as a result.

* Fidelma did a talk about the campaign at a conference in Armagh on Critical Labour Studies.

* Fidelma did an interview for a podcast about the campaign with an author, Gerry McGovern.

* Fidelma participated in a zoom meeting with Yes To Life, No To Mining about “Putting Rights First in the Green Transition”

MARCH 2023:

- * We held our first zoom meeting with the experts we have got so far to help us for the Public Inquiry.
- * We organised a forum entitled “Mining The Public Inquiry” in the Mellon Country Hotel. It was sponsored by Turas Na nDaoine, Fermanagh.
- * Save Our Sperrins participated in a protest outside the Europa Hotel, Belfast, at a Sustainability event that GSNI sponsored.
- * DAMN organised a concert in Dungiven to raise money to help us employ experts for the Public Inquiry.
- * CAMIO merged with SOS.

APRIL 2023:

- * SOS participated at a protest in Belfast during the visit of US President Joe Biden, because of an American company, Orion Mine Finance, financing Dalradian.
- * PARC organised an art exhibition and 2 coffee mornings in order to raise money to help us employ experts for the Public Inquiry.

MAY 2023:

- * SOS (Marella) gave a talk at a conference on Climate Struggles in Ireland at Dublin Anarchist Book Fair.
- * Cormac spoke at Protecting the Protectors event in Belfast.
- * SOS hosted 3 native Americans Indian leaders for 2 days, including Chas Jewett who had visited us in 2018.

JUNE 2023:

- * Launch of SOS Crowdfunder with videos of local people.
- * SOS meeting with Maria McCluskey, Kate Barry and Hilary Perry of PILS re Dalradian’s 2 new applications.
- * Fidelma spoke at a Public Meeting in Tulla, Co Clare about the dangers of goldmining.
- * SOS hosted a group of 10 young Native American Indians to food and a concert in Greencastle on the first evening of their water walk along the River Foyle from its source to the sea. Reception event for the group in Dunamanagh on second evening.
- * SOS attended a Climate festival in Derry.

JULY 2023: Fidelma started Planning of the Millennium Forum fundraising Concert in Derry.

AUGUST 2023:

- * SOS attended a Rights of Nature event at QUB
- * SOS attended a Climate Festival in Leitrim where Fidelma spoke about the campaign.
- * Marella & Fidelma met with the editor and assistant editor of the Ulster Herald to discuss coverage of the campaign.
- * SOS hosted a group of people from the Waterside, Derry (in Jacqueline’s house as it was raining heavily at the GPO) & Fidelma did a talk for them.

SEPTEMBER 2023:

- * SOS hosted members of IWW union at the GPO.
- * SOS hosted Niall McCarroll & members of UNISON at the GPO.
- * SOS attended a fundraising concert for Save Our Sperrins organised by “Keep Tulla Untouched” in Co Clare. Fidelma did a talk at it.
- * SOS attended a fundraising concert in Derrytresk Community Centre for SOS, organised by members of Tyrone Dail.

Fidelma O’Kane

17th December 2023.

The above report is a true account of the activities of Save Our Sperrins for the financial year 2022-2023

Trustees of Save Our Sperrins

Marella Fyffe, Chairperson
Cormac B McAleer, Vice-chair
Jacqueline Keenan, Treasurer
Martina Hollywood, Assistant Treasurer
Fidelma O'Kane, Secretary
Paul Morrison, Committee Member
Niall McAleer, Committee Member
Anton McCabe, Assistant Secretary
Louise Taylor, Committee Member

17 December 2023

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Annual return

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Receipts				
Fundraising Income	11,301		11,301	
Donations	2,040		2,040	560
Crowd Funding		18,721	18,721	7,220
Total receipts	13,341	18,721	32,062	7,780
Payments				
Fundraising Expenditure	3,000		3,000	
Bank Charges	125		125	36
General Expenses	2,600		2,600	4,200
Total Payments	5,725	0	5,725	4,236
Net movement on Funds	7,616	18,721	26,337	3,544
Total funds brought forward	8,507	0	8,507	4,963
Total funds carried forward	16,123	18,721	34,844	8,507

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2023

		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank and in hand		34,844		8,507
		<u>34,844</u>		<u>8,507</u>
Creditors				
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net Current Assets		34,844		8,507
Net Assets		34,844		8,507
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds		34,844		8,507
		34,844		8,507

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the unaudited accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023.

I report on the accounts of Save Our Sperrins for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the unaudited accounts

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

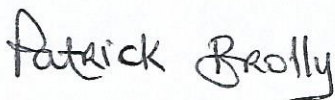
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe :

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (NI) 2008
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Chartered Accountant

Dated : 22 July 2024

2, Badoney Avenue,
Gortin,
Co Tyrone